



This RMAP Argument Series will be held in the Sparke Helmore Law Theatres, Bldg 6A, Fellows Road ANU Campus



RMAP ARGUMENT SERIES

WHAT CAN A GENDER LENS ADD TO RESEARCH ON CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION?

Seminar 1

6 May 12:30-1:30
Sparke Helmore T1
Gillian Brown

Seminar 2

13 May 12:30-1:30
Sparke Helmore T2
Margaret Alston

Argument

13 May 4:30-5:30
Sparke Helmore T2
Panel

Margaret Alston
Katrina Lee-Koo
Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt
Argument Moderator
Jacqueline de Chazal



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Past approaches to climate change mitigation and adaptation have often failed to account for the issue of gender. This series presented by the Resource Management in Asia-Pacific Program in the Crawford School of Economics and Government will examine the relevance of gender for the development of strategies to deal with climate change. Gillian Brown is the Principal Gender Adviser at AusAID. She will argue that as climate change affects men and women differently, new strategies for tackling it should be employed in order both to empower women as well as recognise the contribution they can make to mitigation and adaptation. Professor Margaret Alston is the Head of the Department of Social Work at Monash University. She believes that while women should play a greater role in the formation of climate change policy, climate change is largely gender blind. Dr Katrina Lee-Koo is a Senior Lecturer in International Relations at the Australian National University. She will argue that as the consequences of climate change are deeply gendered, gender should be an important consideration in any attempt to understand or address the social, political, economic and cultural impacts of climate change. Dr Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt is Research Fellow at the Resource Management in Asia Pacific Program. She believes that the gender inequalities already prevalent in the developing world will only be exacerbated by the effects of climate change, and that these vulnerabilities must be considered and integrated into climate change interventions. The argument will be moderated by RMAP Postdoctoral Fellow Jacqueline de Chazal.

The RMAP Argument Series is intended to go beyond the standard format of a seminar or lecture and consists of a series of seminars followed by a panel Argument. The seminar series is held before the Argument to highlight issues significant to the topic. The Argument brings together two to three speakers, who are experts on a topical subject but are known to have quite different views on that subject. The panellists are given five minutes to articulate their views and a further three minutes to respond to the views expressed by the other speakers. The floor is then open for audience debate.